

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings of the claims in the application:

1. (Currently amended) A method for immunizing an infant human against a target antigen, comprising inoculating the infant human with an effective amount of a naked recombinant nucleic acid encoding a relevant epitope of the target antigen in a pharmaceutically effective carrier, such that ~~the~~ a therapeutically effective amount of the relevant epitope is expressed in the infant human, and wherein the infant human is inoculated within the age of birth to one month.
2. (Currently amended) A method for inducing a cytotoxic T cell response against a pathogen in an infant human, comprising inoculating the infant human with an effective amount of a naked recombinant nucleic acid encoding more than one relevant epitope of one or more target antigens associated with the pathogen in a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier, such that the therapeutically effective amounts of the relevant epitopes are expressed in the infant human, and wherein the infant human is inoculated within the age of birth to one month.
3. (Cancelled).